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Alderman FOWKE'S

S P E E C H

At the delivery of a Petition from the
Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons in
Common-Council Assembled

TO THE

PARLIAMENT

OF

ENGLAND.

Concerning their Militia.

And the Parliaments answer thereunto.

Published by Authority.

THe House received a Report from the
Committee appointed yesterday to go
into the City, That they had been with
the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of London, and acquainted them with the
Votes

Votes of the Parliament, and that the City was so forward to expresse their affections to the Parliament, that notwithstanding the great decay of Trade and poverty of the City, They did offer to advance 60000 *l.* towards the present supply of the Army and Navy; and did therefore humbly request the Parliament to appoint some of the Aldermen of the City to receive the Assessement, that they may be reimbursed out of the said Assessement. The House being informed that divers Aldermen and Common-Council-men were at the door, they were called in; and being come to the Bar, Alderman *Fenke*, in the names of the rest, in a significant Speech expressed himself, the heads whereof followeth,

That the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *London*, being sensible of the goodnesse of God in uniting the Parliament, and restoring the Members to the discharge of their trust; thought it their duty upon their first meeting to give glory to God, and had set apart Tuesday next for a day of Thanksgiving; That they acknowledge their duty in their humble thanks for the favour of the Parliament expressed in their late Votes, and the seasonableness of it, That though they had been laid low, and had not fully answered what had been expected from them, and had been lookt upon as persons disaffected

acted to the Parliament ; though they were in some things dissatisfied, yet they were ever well-willers to the Parliament. He did with thankfulness own the Resolutions of the Parliament in restoring the Members that were imprisoned, and in ordering their Gates, Portcullices, Posts and Chains to be set up at the publike charge of the State. That the Confidence the Parliament put in the City would not be misplaced, nor their expectation frustrated : That the City did congratulate the happy return of the Parliament : That they found some persons for a Monarchicall, some for a Commonwealth, and some for no government at all : the last they did abhorre ; for the other, they would not presume to direct, but should acquiesce in, and submit to the determinations of Parliament. And concluded with an humble desire, that the Militia of the City might be put into such hands as the City might confide in, and to that end tendered a List of Names of Commissioners for their Militia, yet with humble submission to the Iudgement of the Parliament, and thereupon delivered the Petition.

After the Petitioners were withdrawn, their Petition was read, and was addressed to the Parliament of *England* ; and entituled, The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council assembled;

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bled; which, together with a List of the Names
of the Commissioners for the Militia presented,
were read.

The Petition is as followeth :

*To the Parliament of England, the humble Petition
of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the
City of London in Common Council assembl'd.*

SHEWETH,

THat the Petitioners in a deep sence of what
the City of *London* hath lately suffered by mis-
apprehensions of their affections to the Parliament
of *England* (to which in all times they have con-
stantly adhered) doe humbly adore that gracious
God, who hath so mercifully restored this honou-
rable Parliament to the exercise of their trust, for
this Cities just vindication and theirs and the Na-
tions deliverance and preservation, and doe with
unfeigned thankfulness acknowledge the happy
concurrence of this honourable House in their late
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worthy and prudent Resolves, in order to the generall settlement of the Nation, and for your tenderesse to this City, in enlarging their late imprisoned members, restoring their Common Council, and ordering their Gates and Portcullices, Posts and Chains to be repayred at the publick charge.

By all which signall marks of honour and respects to your Petitioners, they doe finde themselves drawn forth into duty and affection, to tender to this honourable House their sincere and most ready service in all the capacities God hath put them in, for the maintenance of your Parliamentary Authority, and safety of your persons: and your Petitioners hope they neither have, nor shall forfeit that confidence, which the Parliament hath alwayes had of them.

*The Petitioners doe therefore humbly pray,
that the Militia of London may be forth-
withesled in the hands of Citizens of
known integrity, and interest in the City.
And your Petitioners shall pray, &c.*

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The List of the aforesaid Commissioners
is as followeth.

The names of the Militia of the City of London.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs for the time being.

Thomas Aleyne, Lord Mayor.

Alderman *Atkins*.

Ald. *Bateman*.

Ald. *Foot*.

Ald. *Lawrence*.

Ald. *Fowke*.

Ald. *King*.

Ald. *Viner*.

Ald. *Bolton*.

Ald. *Tompson*.

Ald. *Whale*.

Ald. *Robinson*.

Of the Common Council.

Col. *Bromfield*.

Mr. *Sanders*.

Rich. Floyd.

Thomas Bludworth Esq;

Major *Chamberlain*.

Max. Beard Esq;

Will. Bateman Esq;

Major *Cox*.

John Tolly Esq;

Major *Eardly*.

Major *John Taylor*.

Deputy *Lenthall*.

Deputy *Antropus*.

Gower Esq;

Deputy *Staynes*.

Peter Mills.

John Wynne.

Nic. Penning.

Theoph. Biddulph Esq;

Capt. *Cleggat*.

Capt. *Storrie*.

Will. Vincent Esq;

Capt. *Iohnson*.

Major *Alsop*.

Resolved,

Resolved, that the Parliament doth approve of, and agree to the List of the Names of persons presented to be Commissioners for the Militia of the City of London.

The Petitioners being again called in, *Mr. Speaker* gave them this answer.

Gent.

If we may measure affections by the number of the Persons, that came to present your Petition; we may say you brought the affections of the whole City with you. Your expressions at the Barr Intimate no lesse, and you may rest assured of the like from the Parliament: you acknowledging that Duty and Respect, which is Due from you to the Parliament.

They have read your Petition, and have also already read your list, and passed it as you desired: the Members of Parliament, who were yesterday with the Lord Mayor, and Aldermen have made a report of the great readiness of the City, to advance moneys for the present supply of the Army and Navy. Whatever mistakes have been formerly, it cannot but be a happy day to all, but our enemies; in that the affections of the City, and Parliament are joined together; you have shewed your affections as well by your Actions, as words; and the Parliament have Commanded me for your good Affections and Actions, to give you hearty thanks, and in their Names, I doe give you very hearty thanks accordingly.

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A List of the Names of the Council of State.

Gen. <i>George Monck.</i>	Col. <i>Morley.</i>
<i>William Pierpoint</i> Esq;	Lord <i>Fairfax.</i>
<i>John Crew</i> Esq;	Sr <i>Ant. Ashley-Cooper.</i>
Col. <i>Rofsiter.</i>	Sr <i>Gilbert Gerard.</i>
<i>Richard Knightley</i> Esq;	Lord <i>St John.</i>
Col. <i>Popham.</i>	Sr <i>John Temple.</i>
Lord <i>Widdrington.</i>	Col. <i>George Thompson.</i>
Sr <i>John Evelyn of Wilts.</i>	<i>John Trevor.</i> Esq;
Sr <i>William Waller.</i>	Sr <i>John Holland.</i>
Sr <i>Richard Anslow.</i>	Sr <i>John Potts.</i>
Sr <i>William Lewis.</i>	Col. <i>John Birch.</i>
Col. <i>Edw. Mountague.</i>	Sr <i>Harb. Grimston.</i>
Col. <i>Edw. Harley.</i>	<i>John Swinfin</i> Esq;
Col. <i>Richard Norton.</i>	<i>John Weaver</i> Esq;
<i>Arthur Ansley</i> Esq;	Serjeant <i>Maynard.</i>
<i>Denzill Hollis</i> Esq;	

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